Notes from the Office

Independence Day: Friday, July 3rd, is Independence Day. There will be no ELI classes and the ELI Main Office will be closed. There will be no RTS bus service this day.

Meeting with Daryl: If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Daryl, he will only be available Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays this term. Tuesday and Thursday he will be helping new students before they arrive.

I-20s Expiring: If you started at the ELI in Fall C 2014, your I-20 is going to expire on August 16. If you want to continue studying at the ELI in Fall C 2015 or you are transferring to another school, you must see Daryl before August 16 to renew your I-20. If you don’t, you’ll need to leave the country.

Fanfare & Fireworks

This Friday, the ELI will be attending Gainesville’s annual Independence Day celebration: Fanfare & Fireworks! Come enjoy music, food vendors, and fireworks with your ELI friends! This is a wonderful way to experience an important tradition in the United States.

When: Friday, July 3rd from 7 to 10 pm. LAs will pick students up from their apartments at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Flavet Field on UF campus

What to Bring: This activity is FREE! Bring a blanket to sit on. Bring a packed meal for dinner or money for food. You should bring bug repellent as well.

Important: Since the buses aren’t running, LAs will pick up students at their apartments. Therefore, it’s important that you sign up by 4:00pm on Thursday, July 2nd. If you have a car, you can go straight to Flavet field and park on campus.

Next Weekend: Volunteer Day

Next weekend, we will be going to participate in the second Volunteer Day of the semester. Details about the activity will be on the Activities Board and in next week’s Weekly.

Midterm Student Reports

This week, your teachers will be giving you feedback on how you are doing in the class. Please remember that their suggestions are a guide to help you progress through the term and achieve the student learning outcomes for your classes. Please make sure you save your midterm forms from your teacher in case you have any questions or in case you need any letters of progress from Patti.
The following are ELI Birthdays for the week of June 29 to July 5:

Students:
June 29: Amal Khudiahs
June 30: Adriana Murillo Rincon
July 1: Sarah Aljawaan
July 1: Nader Aljohani
July 1: Esraa Moazzen
July 1: Jung Hee Kim
July 1: Chia-Hsing Wu
July 1: Kelvin Izaguirre Guevara
July 4: Sara Obando Bustamante
July 4: Aishah Alamri
July 4: Metin Yilmaz
July 5: Estefany Gonzalez
July 5: Mariannie Ramirez

Staff:
None this week

Happy birthday, everyone!

Quote of the Week

Everything you want is on the other side of fear.

Jack Canfield
The following is a list of the many places of origin of our B term students:

- Austria
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Iraq
- Japan
- Nigeria
- Peru
- Saudi Arabia
- South Korea
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United States
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

Check out more photos on the UF English Language Institute Group! If you want to share your photos from the CIP activities, you can post them in the Facebook group or you can email them to EISlideshow@gmail.com. Please include your name in your email!
Manners and Culture

Q: Why isn’t tobacco banned everywhere in the US?
A: Tobacco itself isn’t banned in the US. Smoking in enclosed public places like restaurants, however, is banned. Florida has smoking bans in enclosed places except bars, private houses, and a few other places. In addition, the University of Florida has a campus-wide smoking ban, whether inside or outside of buildings. Currently, there are only 28 states that have smoking bans in enclosed public spaces. One of the reasons that smoking hasn’t been banned everywhere is because of the strength of the tobacco lobby. There are also a lot of arguments in favor of personal choice and personal freedom that are against smoking bans.

Q: With so many people killed by drunk drivers, why don’t Americans ban alcohol?
A: The US banned alcohol from 1920 to 1933, which we call Prohibition. However, Prohibition also caused organized criminal activity to increase. In addition, many citizens saw the law as unfair to the working class because they were the ones who got in trouble more often. The government also saw an opportunity to tax alcohol sales to increase money. For these reasons, the law became very unpopular and it was reversed. Now, all states have the same law: you can’t drive if your blood alcohol level (BAC) is over 0.08. Some states have much stricter laws to protect against drunk drivers.

Grammar

Q: How is it possible to talk about something in the future that will be past before the future comes?
A: You will have learned a lot of English by the time you graduate. We call this Future Perfect.

Q: How would I punctuate this sentence?
One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
A: One morning, I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
Just add a comma to separate the time expression from the rest of the sentence. However, it’s unclear who is wearing the pajamas. You would have to rewrite the sentence to make sure the elephant was not in your PJs.

Vocabulary of the Week

What does this word mean? What is the part of speech? Can you think of other word forms?

Independence (______) ____________________________